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1. EEC

A draft resolution on tobacco consumption has been submitted to the European Parliament by an Italian. It concerns, in particular, measures that should be taken to oblige cigarette manufacturers to indicate the condensate and nicotine yield of their cigarettes on their packets and in their publicity.

2. ADDITIONAL TAX ON CIGARETTES WITH MORE THAN 20 mg CONDENSATE IN THE UK

A report has been published which contains indications on research work commissioned to several institutes. The report includes the results of various testing methods for determining the condensate and nicotine content of cigarette smoke. The results submitted to the commission show considerable divergences and the institutes are allegedly unable to account for them.

Later, in a report on the repercussions brought about by the tax increase, the commission came to the conclusion that the UK additional tax no longer served any useful purpose. Furthermore, the commission concluded that, should member states have the intention of reducing smoking for health reasons, they should raise the overall tax level.

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